

Amendments to the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 9, as shown below:

However, in accordance with the reduction of the area of the source/drain regions 104, the distance between the contact plugs 103 and the gate electrode 101 becomes smaller, so that parasitic capacitance 121 generated between the two increases, thereby raising a problem of becoming an obstacle against increase of the operational speed and reduction of the electric power consumption.